

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 as follows:

As upper glass plate 46, and accordingly the piston rod 56, can be raised and lowered within an area that is limited by equivalent stop devices 66, 68 arranged on cylinder wall 36, it is easy to widen the measuring field 48 to flush it clean with water as needed before the measurements continue. In this way, measuring field 48 does not need to be back-flushed, which is the usual means of operation with conventional designs.